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Attorney Docket No. DB000975-000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Lunak et al.)	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.:	09/998,488)	Art Unit:	3754
Filed:	November 30, 2001)		
Entitled:	CAROUSEL PRODUCT FOR USE IN INTEGRATED RESTOCKING AND DISPENSING SYSTEM			

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application, please find the following:

- a Preliminary Amendment with Paragraphs from the Specification Marked to Show Changes; and
- a check in the amount of \$1650 as payment for extra claims.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp the postcard and return it to us to acknowledge receipt of these documents.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend that application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace paragraphs 33, 58 and 88 with the following:

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[0033] FIG. 2 illustrates a process which may begin with a step of dispensing an item at step 16 from one of the decentralized storage locations 12-1 to a patient. A dispensing operation may occur in a variety of ways. In a medical facility, dispenses may be completed from medication orders or they may be completed from inventory lists, to name a few types of dispensing operations. Assuming a medication has been dispensed from decentralized storage location 12-1, the medication may either be administered to a patient or returned as shown by step 18. Medications may be returned for a variety of reasons such as the patient has checked